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SUBJECT: CODEL KENNEDY

1. SUMMARY: SENATOR KENNEDY AND PARTY LEFT BELGRADE
EARLY AFTERNOON APRIL 18 AFTER A WHIRLWIND 40-HOUR
VISIT HIGHLIGHTED BY A 75 MINUTE PRIVATE CONVERSATION
WITH PRESIDENT TITO. END SUMMARY.

2. KENNEDY ARRIVED EARLY EVENING APRIL 16, AND
WAS GUEST OF HONOR THAT SAME EVENING AT DINNER HOSTED
BY AMBASSADOR TOON WHICH INCLUDED SEVERAL RANKING
YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS.

3. AT 0730 APRIL 17 KENNEDY ACCOMPANIED BY AIDES
AND YUGOSLAV ESCORTS TO MEMORIAL TO UNKNOWN SOLDIER ON
NEARBY MOUNT AVALA, TO APY HIS RESPECTS AND LEAVE A SINGLE
FLOWER. FOLLOWING IN REPID SUCCESSION WERE THE TAPING
OF A BELGRADE TV INTERVIEW (TO BE SCREENED PM APRIL 18
IN PRIME TIME), A CALL ON FEDERAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT
MIJALKO TODOROVIC, AND A MEETING WITH THE AMERICAN STAFF
OF THE EMBASSY.

4. FOLLOWING SENATOR'S NOON CALL ON PRESIDENT TITO, THEY
WERE JOINTED BY MRS. KENNEDY, AMBASSADOR TOON ANDEDVARD
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KARDELJ AND MRS. KARDELJ (MADAM BROZ WAS ILL), FOR LUNCHEON

WHICH LASTED UNTIL PAST MID-AFTERNOON. TOWARD THE END, THE TWO KENNEDY CHILDREN, WHO HAD ARRIVED IN BELGRADE IN THE MEANTIME, WERE BROUGHT IN TO MEET TITO.

5. IN LATE AFTERNOON APRIL 17 KENNEDY CALLED ON YUGOSLAV PRIME MINISTER DZEMAL BIJEDIC, AND AFTERWARDS MET WITH THE FOREIGN POLICY COMMITTEES OF THE CHAMBER OF NATIONALITIES AND THE SOCIAL POLITICAL CHAMBER. HIS OFFICIAL CO-HOSTS FOR THE VISIT WERE THE RESPECTIVE HEADS OF THESE TWO BODIES, MRS. STANA TOMASEVIC-ARNESEN AND BODGAN OSOLNIK.

6. EVENING APRIL 17 KENNEDY WAS GUEST OF HONOR AT DINNER GIVEN BY CO-HOSTS AT FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL BUILDING IN NEW BELGRADE, WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY SOME 20 HIGH-LEVEL YUGOSLAV LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE OFFICIALS.

7. MORNING APRIL 18 KENNEDY WENT TO ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION WITH YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT AND ACADEMIC EXPERTS AT INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND ECONOMICS. NEXT CAME A PRESS CONFERENCE WITH YUGOSLAV AND RESIDENT FOREIGN PRESS, FOLLOWED BY A WALKING TOUR OF ANCIENT KALEMEGDAN FORTRESS AT THE CONFLUENCE OF THE DANUBE AND SAVA RIVERS AND EXHIBITS IN PARTISAN SECTION OF MILITARY MUSEUM IN FORTRESS.

8. KENNEDY PARTY PROCEEDED DIRECT FROM KALEMEGDAN TO SURCIN AIRPORT FOR 1330 DEPARTURE FOR MOSCOW.
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